**Dr D. Raghavendara Rao** (*Chief Medical Officer*): But, at the start, a few instruments are given which will be urgently needed.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: എല്ലാ ഗ്രാൻറ്-ഇൻ-എയിഡ് ഡിസ്പെൻസറികൾക്കും നമ്മൾ ഉടനടി കൊടുക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?

ഡോക്ടർ ഡി. രാഘവേന്ദ്രറാവു: അതെ.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: ഒരു കൊല്ലത്തിൽ എത്ര ഉടനടികളാണ് ഒരു ഗ്രാൻറ്-ഇൻ-എയിഡ് ഡിസ്പെൻസറിക്കു കൊടുത്തുവരുന്നത്?

ഡാക്ടർ ഡി. രാഘവേന്ദ്രറാവു: അല്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: മിഡ്വൈഫ്മാരുടെ ശമ്പളമൊഴികെ ബാക്കിയുള്ളതെല്ലാം എല്ലാ ഡിസ്പെൻസറികൾക്കും ഒന്നുപോലെയാണോ കൊടുത്തുവരുന്നത്?

ഡാക്ടർ ഡി. രാഘവേന്ദ്രറാവു: എല്ലാടത്തും ഒരിച്ച്.

## X-RAY DEPARTMENT—EXPENDITURE ON.

**349. Mr. M. L. Joseph** (*Latin Christians—Cranganur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the total capital expenditure incurred up-to-date on the X-ray establishment;

(*b*) the recurring annual expenditure ever since the X-ray section was opened;

(*c*) the total income from that department to the Government;

(*d*) the percentage allowed to the Radiologist and his assistant; out of the proceeds of the X-ray department;

(*e*) the total amounts paid as percentage on collections to these persons ever since the starting of this department;

(*f*) the quantity of Radium, if any, in the charge of the Radiologist;

(*g*) whether the Radiologist personally attends the X-ray department daily;

(*h*) whether a medical man was recently got trained at Madras to work in the X-ray department;

(*i*) whether there was any necessity to send this man to Madras for training when we have a X-ray department and a specialist in X-ray attached to our General Hospital?

**Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao** (*Chief Medical Officer*): (*a*) The total capital expenditure on the X-ray equipments excluding the cost of building, furniture, etc., comes to Rs. 14,750.

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(*b*) It is not possible to furnish the information, as separate accounts for the recurring expenditure for the X-ray Department alone are not maintained.

(*c*) Rs. 20,236—2—0.

(*d*) 50 per cent.

| | | Rs. | A. | P. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| (*e*) | Radiologist .. | 4,553 | 2 | 1 |
| | Assistant .. | 3,035 | 6 | 9 |
| | Photographic Assistant .. | 2,023 | 9 | 9 |
| | Servant .. | 505 | 14 | 5 |
| | Total .. | 10,118 | 1 | 0 |

(*f*) Nil.

(*g*) Yes.

(*h*) Yes; for Radium and Deep X-ray Therapy.

(*i*) Yes; in view of the proposed introduction of Radium and Deep X-ray Treatment.

**Mr. M. L. Joseph** (*Latin Christians—Cranganur*): Are not these amounts paid over and above their usual salaries?

**Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao** (*Chief Medical Officer*): Yes.

**Mr. M. L. Joseph** (*Latin Christians—Cranganur*): What is the necessity for making such payments when they are paid already?

**Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao** (*Chief Medical Officer*): It is for the extra risk that the officer has to undertake in handling the X-ray apparatus.

**Mr. M. L. Joseph** (*Latin Christians—Cranganur*): Cannot the Government specify the amount for undertaking such risks; Is there no limit for such payments?

**Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao** (*Chief Medical Officer*): I am afraid that if any amount is specified, we may have to pay much more than what we have paid to these people during the last 10 years.

**Mr. M. L. Joseph** (*Latin Christians—Cranganur*): Why can't you arrive at a lesser figure? You have already paid a huge amount to the Radiologist by this time.

**Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao** (*Chief Medical Officer*): This amount of Rs. 4,500 represents the paymentsf or the last 10 or 12 years. It will be less than Rs. 400 a year and that is about Rs. 30 a month. If we fix a specific sum, it should be something near Rs. 100.

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**Mr. M. L. Joseph** (*Latin Christians—Cranganur*): Is it the practice with the Government of Madras, to pay for such extra risks, extra amount?

**Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao** (*Chief Medical Officer*): It was the custom there to pay these extra amounts. But, now I understand this practice has been stopped there.

**Mr. M. L. Joseph** (*Latin Christians—Cranganur*): Is it because that that Government do not know that there is an extra risk in that?

**Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao** (*Chief Medical Officer*): Some years ago, working of X-ray apparatus was a very risky game, because the apparatus manufactured in those days were not up to the mark. But of late, many improvements were made in the manufacture of these apparatus so much so the risk now is considerably reduced. So they have stopped payments there.

**Mr. M. L. Joseph** (*Latin Christians—Cranganur*): Are the Government saying that the apparatus that we have got here is an old-type one?

**Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao** (*Chief Medical Officer*): We have got an almost up-to-date apparatus.

**Mr. M. L. Joseph** (*Latin Christians—Cranganur*): Is it not necessary consequently that we should do away with the previous custom?

**Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao** (*Chief Medical Officer*): That aspect will be considered.

**Mr. A. V. Moothedan** (*Chalakkudi*): If it is a partnership arrangement, will it not be an inducement to have more X-ray examinations of patients?

**Mr. President**: It is a matter of opinion.

**Mr. M. L. Joseph** (*Latin Christians—Cranganur*): As a result of the present arrangement, do Government know whether any preferential treatment is given as between the rich and the poor?

**Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao** (*Chief Medical Officer*): No.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്. പണിക്കർ. ഇവിടത്തെ ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ റേഡിയോളജിസ്റ്റ് ആരാണെന്നു പറയാമോ?

**Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao** (*Chief Medical Officer*): The Civil Surgeon in the General Hospital is at present the Radio Officer.

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